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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Michael L. Wach

Serial No.: 09/578,777

Filing Date: May 25, 2000

Title: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
INCREASING A NUMBER OF
INFORMATION CHANNELS
CARRIED BY OPTICAL
WAVEGUIDES**

Art Unit: 2872

Examiner: F. Assaf

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

September 24, 2002

Sir:

In response the Official Action mailed on April 10, 2002 (with a petition for an extension of time and the appropriate fee to extend the due date to October 10, 2002), please enter the following amendments. Please also re-examine and reconsider the application in view of these amendments and appended remarks.

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel Claims 3-4, 8-11, and 26-59 without prejudice of the subject matter contained therein.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being mailed via first class mail to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, GAU 2872, on September 24, 2002.

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